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FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE COMMERCE BOARD

VERY SUCCESSFUL GATHERING HELD AT HOTEL BELDING

SIX COURSE DINNER UP TO USUAL STANDARD

Able Addresses Given by Lee H. Bierce, Roy C. Vandercook, A. Patriache and Arthur Waterfall

Opening with delightful music from a six-piece orchestra at eight o'clock the first Annual Board of Commerce banquet held in Hotel Belding Tuesday evening ing Tuesday evening moved with an ease and grace that did much credit to Manager Dunham. Compactly and yet conveniently arranged the tables in the main dining room accommodated almost one hundred members of the board and the overflow was placed in the adjoining sample room. With an efficient corps of waitresses and a six-course dinner, all of delightful and appetizing viands, Mr. Dunham and his registrants placed in and his assistants pleased in a manner that evoked general complimen-tary remarks from the banqueters. Many and general, too, were the com-pliments paid to the orchestra for

pliments paid to the orchestra for its fine music.

Before introducing the speakers of the evening President R. H. Hall, who was also toastmaster, read many letters and telegrams from absent members and friends of the organization expressing their inability to attend the big annual gathering. Among the communications were those from Paul H. King, Frank H. Alfred, M. M. Belding, M. M. Belding, Jr., A. N. Belding, Geo. P. Richardson, and Fred N. Belding, Tresident Hall then spoke briefly of the past work of the organization, what it had accemplished and the things it hoped to do. He urged the hearty and steady co-operation of the members and invited suggestions or criticisms on the work. In passing he stopped to pay a very fine tribute to the late Fred F. Ireland, who is known to have been very active in the formation and starting of the habits. After a cordial reception by the officials the men were met by Chief of pictors. After a cordial reception by the officials the men were met by Chief of pictors. After a cordial reception by the officials the men were met by Chief of pictors. After a cordial reception by the officials the men were met by Chief of pictors. After a cordial reception by the officials the men were met by Chief of pictors. The Mark and the death of Mrs. Jesse Duboise in Fremont was received here by her mother, Mrs. Jane Lewis, Monday. She died Sunday afternoon, after a lingering sickness of several months duration and the funeral was beld at the home Wednesday.

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After a cordial reception by the officials the men were met by Chief of Police William H. Farrington. While the boys had a great deal of fun over the fact that they were placed in the hands of the police department they were nevertheless shown a royal time by the chief. He took them to dinner and then went from place to place in troducing them to all the officials and that well-liked gentleman to all the prominent men of the city.

commerce as a clearing house for ac-tivities in a city and an organization Every official of the city gave liber-through which to accomplish things ally of the information from his deof general good to the community. He partment and assured the visitors that asserted that man singly could not it was a pleasure to be of assistance. think fast enough and it was through Never in any city have the men had concerted action that the worth-while such cordial treatment as at Battle things were accomplished. He brand-ed the cast system in civic and social expressions of entire satisfaction. affairs as the biggest barrier to rapid health, growth and predicted that the next few months and years would bring us face to face with bigger and more vital problems than had confronted us before in many years. The ideal city, he outlined, as being sani-tary, convenient and substantial. convinced that the mayor really meant Filled with lifters and boosters it what he said. They were also con-

road, (referring to his official capacity as publicity manager of that company), spoke on the activities of the Michigan National Guard and its duty and although the big banquet kept and possibilities in the nation's de-velopment. He sounded the oft re-peated sentiment that the big trouble with our military system was the lack of organization and too many isolated army posts. He said the defense problem was one that the government could not solve, but that it must be could not solve. solved by each individual citizen. Every citizen must have a patriotism that will impell him to go out and . fight for his country when needed. He leclared the present national guard worth of the country with the chance it has of making good and providing H. J. Leonard, J. C. Ames and Chas. adequate protection. For more effi-W. Madden, who formed a party of ciency and economy he advocated centure was automobile loads and drove to (Continued on Page Four)

From Los Angeles, California

a recent visitor at the big exhibit of Southern California products maintained free to the public in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. She also attended the free lectures, moving nightness and concert that are a ing pictures and concert that are a part of the daily program. The exhibit is the largest of any in the country maintained by a commercial organization. Mrs. Wilson expects to visit the Panama-California International Exposition at San Diego, which will hemain open all the year."

TIMELY ARTICLE IN WEEKLY DEPARTMENT

In the Farm and Orchard depart-ment of the Banner this week will be nd some timely advise to farmers on home-made appliances which add comfort to the housewife and mem-bers of the family. The Farm and Orchard department is good every week. This week plans are given for making fireless cookers and iccless regerators. Every rural resident build read the Farm and Orchard

BOX SOCIAL NETTED HOLY NAME SOCIETY \$94

The Box Social given by the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's church at Millard hall, last Thursday was well attended, about 160 people be-ing present.

The company were entertained with music furnished by a five-piece orchestra, after which progressive pedro was played. First and booby prizes were then offered for ladies and the same for the men.

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Nick Werner took charge of selling the boxes and baskets. Te men responded generously to his call, the boxes running as high as \$5. Coffee was then served by several of the young ladies, and all enjoyed the good things with which the boxes were filled.

After supper the orchestra again entertained the company and the young people spent a pleasant hour dancing, before departure.

The amount cleared was \$94.68.

AT THE FOOD CITY

SECURE INFORMATION

Rapids, and that well-liked gentleman to all the prominent men of the city. opened his remarks with an after Trips were made to the big food facdinner story that will long linger in tories and the sanitarium. Every the minds of every listener. The story drove home the idea of "never sleeping on the job" in a most forceful manner. manner.

Mr. Bierce characterized a board of to meet other officials and secure the for Van Horn and Fred L. Warner barnerce as a clearing house for acdesired information.

would not lack in goodfellowship and cooperation.

Roy C. Vandercook, whom President Hall characterized as the chief salve dispenser of the Pere Marquette rail-

Minstrel Show Was Good away a lot of people who undoubted-ly would have been there, a fairly good audience greeted them.

the fishing grounds in the vicinity of Luther and Baldwin last week, have returned, bringing home all the trout they caught, which they did not eat while in camp. They claim they could have done better had the weath-could have done better had the weath-showing and with the advancement The Banner is in receipt of the following item from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce:

"Mrs. R. M. Wilson of Belding was roads were encountered and they had roads were encountered and they had

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Built on Wrong Lot
David S. Grosefent, who recently
purchased a lot on the Demorest addition of Henry A. Smith, got mixed dition of Henry A. Smith, got mixed up in some way on its location and built him a small house on an adjoining lot belonging to Dr. E. W. Litle. When the assessor, Superivsor W. B. Travis, was around making the assessment he discovered the mistake and the tangle is being fixed up by Mr. Grosefent by shifting his home on to his own property.

Girls! Girls! Girls! Don't Forget Leap Year party at K. of P. Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Johnston and for Alms to hold querterly meetings Mrs. Morris Urch visited the former's parents at Fenwick, last Friday.

God Bless The Flag.

Washed in the blood of the brave and the blooming.

Snatched from the altars of insolent

Burning with star-fires, but never con-

Flash its broad ribbons of lily and rose.

Vainly the prophets of Baal would rend Vainly his worshipers pray for its fall;

Thousands have died for it, millions defend it. Emblem of justice and mercy to all.

Justice that reddens the sky with her terrors.

Mercy that comes with her white-handded train.

Soothing all passions, redeeming all errors. Sheathing the sabre and breaking the

Borne on the deluge of old usurpations, Drifted our Ark o'er the desolate seas, Bearing the rainbow of hope to the na-

Torn from the strom-cloud and flung to the breeze!

God bless the Flag and its loyal defend-

While its broad folds o'er the battlefield wave,

Till the dim star-wreath rekindle its splendors, Washed from its strains in the blood of

> the brave. -Oliver Wendell Holmes.

MAYOR AND STREET COMMISSIONER ACCOMPANY THEM. DEATH OF MRS. DUBONE CLEAN UP DAY AND BOISE IN FREMONT

ournments was tried last Friday before the court and Carpenter won get-ting a judgment of about \$12 and costs. Carpenter claimed he overpaid Van Horn on a well job, which was

MAYNARD BYRNES

pony and when near the Wilson corners one of the thills broke letting it strike the animal's leg causing it to plunge and run away. The lad was thrown out and evidently in falling struck heavily on his head. Don and Harold Cooper, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper, came along a few minutes later in their rig and discovered him in a dazed condition, not seeming to know what had happened. They to know what had happened. took him into their rig and left him at Fr. J. M. Zindler's. Fr. Zindler gave him attention at once and found he had a bad bump on his head. Mr. Byrnes was notified and came for him

with an automobile, taking him home. The pony had gotten loose from the buggy, which had a demolished wheel, and was caught near the Cannon place. It is expected the boy will be all right again soon.

The trout fishermen—Forrest Fish,
I I Leonard I C Ames and Chas

odist church Tuesday evening. The program was carried out without tiresome waits and was complete except

showing and with the advancement the students are making. In fact many numbers were played as perfect-ly as if given by skilled musicians.

Tenth Anniversary
Twenty-five members of the Church
of Christ and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Quarterly Statement
In the quarterly statement of the financial condition of the Belding Savings Bank published last week an error occurred. For this reason we are reprinting the notice this week. You will find the report on another ways.

CITY HALL GROUNDS

WEEK BIG SUCCESS

CHILDREN OF SCHOOLS ENTER-ED INTO WORK OF CLEANING WITH ZEAL

GARDENS AND LAWNS LOOKING MUCH BETTER

Spirit of Town Favors Befriending the Birds and Building Homes for Them

Many people took advantage of the good weather last week for cleaning up rubbish and made their premises look much better by some persistent work. They were reminded of the need of such work in the proclamation sent out by Governor Ferris and also in the proclamation made also in the proclamation made by Mayor Knapp. While last Wed-nesday, May 10, was proclaimed the real clean-up day by the state officials and by Mayor Knapp, the school chiliren were urged to make the whole

week a clean-up week. Cleaning up yards, grounds and gardens is part of the plans outlined scores of homes in the city. Always neat and clean lawns, yards and homes of this city present a neater ELISHA RAYMOND THROWN FROM BUGGY homes of this city present a neared appearance this spring than ever be fore. The city is known as being one Maynard Byrnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Byrnes of Keene, aged about 15 years, while driving to the city Monday morning to school, was thrown from his buggy and rendered unconscious for a while.

Young Byrnes was driving his pony and when near the Wilson corners one of the thills broke letting it and placed in every conceivable place.

GEN. AND MRS. YOUNG SERVANTS AT THEIR HOUSEMAIDS' PARTY

UNUSUAL SOCIAL EVENT WAS HELD IN THE YOUNG HOME IN CHICAGO

Last Saturday's issue of the Chicago Tribune contained a front page article, telling of the party given by their two servants, Katie and Maggie, with General E. C. Young and his wife as servants. Mrs. Young is the daughter of the late Hiram Belding and is well-known here. Besides the fact that the Youngs are so wellknown here the article is well worth and printing because of the fine consider- and ation given by them to their servants. Below we reprint the item for Banner

"Beverly Hills put the horse before

WHITNEY STOCK CO. COMING NEXT WEEK

The well-known and popular Whitney Stock Co. will pay its annual visit to Belding for the week commencing Monday, May 22. This organization is always one of the best traveling but the managers, Messrs. Welsh and Walbourn are always on the alert to make the attraction better if they can. The company comes here from a five-months' stock engagement at the Crystal theatre in Anderson, Ind., and will present without a doubt the highest class line of plays that have ever been produced under a canvas. Each play has been secured exclusively for this territory and can be seen with no this territory and can be seen with no other attraction. Prominent among these are the big white slave drams "Why Girls Leave Home," the biggest Indian novelty ever written, "The White Squaw," the play of the hour, "Uncle Sam in Mexico," the startling story of high finance, "The Net" and others. The dress of the shows as in the past is made a feature and many street.

HAS PASSED AWAY

having been in poor health for the past year.

Mr. Raymond was born in Canada October 1, 1838, and came to Michigan in an early day and was married to Mary Blow at Lapeer in 1859, who survives him. Eleven children were born to them, six sons and three daughters, all of whom survive, except two daughters, who died in infancy. His son, Fred Raymond, lived with the father and mother. Mrs. Edward Lunt of Grand Rapids, Edward Raymond of Toledo, and John Raymond of Belding, are children and were in attendance at the funeral, which was held Tuesday, Rev. W. A. Biss officiated and Mrs. E. E. Hudson sang.

The deceased was an excellent citizen. The burial took place in Green's cemetery.

Were Here From the West

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ALL GROUNDS

ARE LOOKING FINE

"Beverly Hills put the horse before the cart yesterday, in a manner of speaking, and if there is any doubt that Gen. Edward C. Young and Mrs. Young have not solved the servant problem, that doubt was dispelled when the general and his wife served that their baby boy died May 9, being sick only from Saturday night until Sunday. Two of the best physicians of that place were called, but were unable to give him only temporary relief.

OFF FOR AN EXTENDED TRIP IN THE WEST

Wedded Twenty-Eight Years

MILLER & HARRIS CO. HAVE UP-TO-DATE STOCK

In the window of the Miller Harris Furniture company this week may be seen a fine display of baby carriages and buggies. The company has a large stock of these choice buggies, in a wide variety of styles and colors. This is the season of the year when babies should have fresh air, and it would pay every parent to look over this line of buggies and select the one wanted.

The Miller & Harris company also has a large full line of furniture and house furnishings of all kinds. The line is constantly kept up to the minute. Manager Hall was in Grand Rapids last week making purchases from the big manufacturers of furniture to keep the stock complete. You will always find the best at this store and you will find the new things and and you will find the new things an-nounced in the company's advertise-ment and shown in the windows of the

AUTOMOBILISTS MUST STUP, LISTEN AT

SUPREME COURT SAYS OLD RULE APPLIES TO AUTOS AT

story of high finance, "The Net" and others. The dress of the shows as in the past is made a feature and many new and handsome creations are offered by the ladies. "Happy" Lou Whitney is again supported by Russell L. Test and a sterling company of artists. A host of pleasing vaudeville features are introduced between acts making a continuous performance. The opening play will be the biggest story of frenzied finance ever unfolded to the public, "The Net" a play every woman should see and in order to do this ladies will be admitted free on Monday night when accompanied

however, does not agree, reverses the case and spoils Sanford's verdict. Justice Brooks, who wrote the opin-

Elisha Raymond died at his home near Ravell's mill Saturday, May 13, aged 79 years, 7 months, and 13 days, having been in poor health for the past year.

State Brooks, who wrote the opinion of Justice 2, 3 teers a year ago, and then supplements it with a quotation from an eastern federal judge. Sanford asserted that right at the track he did not have an unobstructed view of the tracks and for that reason he should be a past year.

Were Here From the West
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Diamond of
Kaw City, Oklahoma have been the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Warner the past week. Mrs. Diamond is
an aunt of Mr. Warner. They were
years ago and Mr. Diamond owned the
house now the property of Dr. J. H.
Armstrong. On leaving here they
moved west going to Oklahoma, where
they made good.
Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Diamond
in company with others made an extensive trip by automobile east
and south through several states
and back to their homes again. They
have gone to Lansing, and will go to
several other places in Michigan before returning to Kaw City.

Lost Their Baby Boy
A letter to the Banner from Joseph
Isabell, who with his family recently
A H. WALDO AND MARY
ERICKSON MARRIED

A quiet wedding was solemnized in
Detroit Sunday when Miss Mary Jane
Erickson of that city became the bride
of R. H. Waldo. Mr. Waldo left the
event would occur soon, they were
nevertheless surprised Monday to
learn that it had actually happened.
Mr. and Mrs. Waldo returned to the
city Monday evening. They will rent
furnished rooms until they can find a
suitable house. Mrs. Waldo is wellknown in Belding, having for over
two years been one of the partners in
the M. & E. Erickson millinery store.
Both she and Mr. Waldo are known
as being among this city's most esas being among this city's most es-

> Enjoyed Visit Here Very Much Mrs. O. H. Heath, who has been the uest of Mrs. Stone and Dr. and Mrs. 29. G. F. Smith, returned home to Ithaca Wednesday. She is an old friend of Mrs. Stone and came for a visit with

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Mrs. Stone and came for a visit with her and to renew acquaintances with old-time friends here.

Mrs. Heath, whose maiden name SAYS HEALTH OFF SAYS HEALTH OFF was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco near Cook's Corners, when there were but few families here and sementary and sementary of the sementar The grounds around the city hall and the park are looking fine in spite of the weather conditions, which have retarded outdoor work. Mr. Cook as married to Gen. Young. They were credited to a whole lot of credit for the labor expended and the excellent taste he has shown in beautifying the grounds with plants and flowers.

A large lot of cannas and other flowering plants were received this week from Ionia and will be placed in beds which have already been prepared for them.

Mrs. Miles Wood viaited her son and family at Lowell last week.

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Wedded Twenty-Eight Years
It was twenty-eight years ago that was twenty-eight years ago that discussion, came to Otisco, near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco, near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco, near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco, near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco, near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco onear Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco near Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco onear Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco onear Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco onear Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco onear Gook's Corners, when there was Maria Hutchison, came to Otisco onear Gook's Corners, when there was An and several number of attending a funeral in this black was married to Gen. Young And Mrs. Mrs. William Walker left Monday for an extended trip in the West on their way to Muscota, Kan, Wrs. Samuel Demorest sang. She attended strict school with the late Erastus Ellis of Detroit and Mrs. M. F. Filkis, While here she visited where they will also visit Kansas City and a se

A GOOD PROGRAM BEING PRE-PARED FOR DECORATION DAY SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES IN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Full Particulars Regarding the Observance of the Two Days Will Be Given Next Week

Sunday, May 28, will be Memorial Sunday in Belding. The annual memorial day services will be held in the Church of Christ. The general plans for the day are much the same as last year. The members of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans will attend the services in a body.

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body.

A good program is being prepared for Decoration Day, May 30. In the program members of the different patriotic bodies and of the schools will have parts. The Women's Relief Corps will conduct the Water Service as has been the custom in the past. As it is part of the local orders work to decorate the graves of deceased comrades at Otisco and Smyrna, dinner will be served at Smyrna

ceased comrades at Otisco and Smyrna, dinner will be served at Smyrna to all who desire to attend the different services. Full particulars of the services both of Memorial and Decoration days given next week.

It should be the purpose of every loyal patriotic citizen of Belding and vicinity to attend these services. True patriotism is becoming too rare in this country. Surely the American people should be willing to devote a few hours one day a year in paying refew hours one day a year in paying respect and honor to our brave soldiers of '61 and '65, and in paying due respect to the nation's flag. An earnest appeal is going out from each of the patriotic orders of the city, to have a much larger attendance and abser-vance of Decoration day this year than ever before.

THE NAUTICAL KNOT" STAGED NEXT FRIDAY

The big annual musical feature of the school year, "The Nautical Knot," the school year, "The Nautical Knot," will be staged at the Belding Opera House next Friday evening, May 19. It will be under the direction of Miss Verna Downs, musical director in the schools, assisted by Mrs. Earl Wilson. Seventy-five local people, mostly students in the schools, will be in the cast. The plot is full of life and spirit and an enjoyable evening is assured. The love thread is adroitly drawn out in interesting beneath." gardens is part of the plans outlined in the Junior Civic League. The children entered into the work with a big tent will be erected on West Main zeal that reflected to the credit of street. of characters. On another page is the advertisement giving price of admis-

sion and other information. Program Overture Orchestra
The Day is Fair Chorus
The Sea is the Life for a Man-

16. The Sun is Shining in the Sky 16. The Sun is Shining in the Sky

17. A Fisher's Daughter

Barnstapoole Girls

18. We Are Artists Down From

Town

Artists and girls

19. Flower Song Lillian Harrington

20. If This Be Love. Ellen Blair

21. She is Not Within the Bay.

Chorus

22. (a) Cheer Boys Cheer. Sailors

22. (b) Cheer Boys Cheer. Chorus

23. In Sunny Spain.

Stanley Glass and Sailors

24. Who Ever Caught Jackie Fast

Asleep

Sailors

Asleep ... Sailors
5. Life is Full of Ups and Downs
Lillian Harrington and Lester
Jersey
6. Ho, Mariners of Barnstapoole

Arm in Arm We'll Walk on Sundays

Ellen Blair and Virgil Altenburg

Love Will Remain

Lillian Harrington, Ellen Blair,
Norman Johnson and Virgil Al-

The Wedding Bells Are Ring-ingFinal Chorus

SAYS HEALTH OFFICER